

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
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August 5, 2003
Continued from July 29, 2003

FROM: MARY R. SAWICKI, Director
Department of Aging and Adult Services

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SENIOR AFFAIRS
COMMISSION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Read title only of proposed ordinance amending Sections 12.3301 through 12.3309, inclusive, of the San Bernardino County Code relating to the Senior Affairs Commission; waive reading of entire text and **CONTINUE TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2003 AT 10:00 AM** for adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Currently the San Bernardino County Code provides that the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) consist of five (5) categories of members (Appointed, Elected, Selected, Representative, and Nutrition Project) which reflect the geographic, racial, economic and social complexion of the County. The SAC is responsible for providing advice and assistance to the County, in coordination with the Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), in matters affecting older persons.

Approval of this recommendation will remove emeritus positions and create more seats for the general public, as follows:

- Removes "Elected Members" - Elected members are members of the California Senior Legislature and National Silver Hair Congress.
- Removes "Nutrition Project Members" - The SAC votes on nutrition provider funding, it was considered appropriate to remove these seats that are potentially filled by nutrition providers to eliminate potential conflicts of interest.
- Removes "Selected Members" – Members will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors rather than by self-selection of Commission members.
- Adds "Professional Members" - Allows the Board of Supervisors to appoint, at the recommendation of the Director of the DAAS, up to two individuals with relevant professional experience in fields such as gerontology, social work, education, banking or financial management.

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The requested change will result in three (3) categories of members: Appointed, Representative, and Professional. This change to the Senior Affairs Commission make-up will improve and expand community representation on issues critical to the County's senior population.

Because of the significant extent of the membership changes and to avoid confusion, the revised proposed ordinance also ends the terms of all existing members effective upon the effective date of the ordinance. New appointments shall be made for all the categories of commissioners.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: The ordinance was reviewed by County Counsel (Phebe W. Chu, Deputy County Counsel) on August 1, 2003; and the County Administrative Office (Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst) on August 1, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

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